

Thursday, May 20, 1999

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to Emergency Supplemental Appropriation conference report.

Senate passed Juvenile Justice bill.

House agreed to the Senate amendment to H.R. 4, Declaration of Policy to Deploy a national Missile Defense—clearing the measure for the President.

House Committee ordered reported the Legislative appropriations for Fiscal Year 2000.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S5633–S5785

Measures Introduced: Sixteen bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1086–1101, and S. Res. 104. Pages S5738–39

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 303, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to enhance the ability of direct broadcast satellite and other multichannel video providers to compete effectively with cable television systems, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 106–51) Page S5738

Measures Passed:

Juvenile Justice: By 73 yeas to 25 nays (Vote No. 140), Senate passed S. 254, to reduce violent juvenile crime, promote accountability by rehabilitation of juvenile criminals, and punish and deter violent gang crime, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

Pages S5633–42, S5683–S5732

Adopted:

By 79 yeas to 21 nays (Vote No. 133), Lott (for Smith (of Oregon)/Jeffords) Modified Amendment No. 366, to clarify provisions relating to pawn shops and special licensees. Pages S5633–42

By 51 yeas to 50 nays (Vote No. 134), Lautenberg/Kerrey Amendment No. 362, to regulate the sale of firearms at gun shows. Page S5642

By 75 yeas to 24 nays (Vote No. 137), Frist/Ashcroft Amendment No. 355, to amend the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and the

Gun-Free Schools Act of 1994 to authorize schools to apply appropriate discipline measures in cases where students have firearms. Pages S5684–91

Harkin Amendment No. 368, to provide appropriate interventions and services to children who are removed from school, and to clarify Federal law with respect to reporting a crime committed by a child. Pages S5691–95

Hatch (for Helms) Amendment No. 369, to amend the Gun-Free Schools Act of 1994 to require a local educational agency that receives funds under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to treat possession, on school property, of felonious quantities of illegal drugs the same as gun possession on such property. Pages S5700–02

Hatch (for Harkin) Amendment No. 370, to amend section 10102 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to enable local educational agencies to establish or expand school counseling programs. Pages S5700–02

Rejected:

By 41 yeas to 56 nays (Vote No. 138), Bond Modified Amendment No. 345, to establish a commission to study the motion picture industry and make recommendations to Congress and the President to promote accountability in the motion picture industry in order to reduce juvenile access to violent, pornographic, or other harmful material in motion pictures. Pages S5695–S5700, S5709

By 48 yeas to 50 nays (Vote No. 139), Biden Amendment No. 371, to establish a 21st century community policing initiative. Pages S5702–09

Note: The following amendment was incorporated into the Hatch/Leahy Amendment No. 363 (Managers' Package), which was adopted on Wednesday, May 19, 1999:

Wellstone Amendment No. 356, to improve the juvenile delinquency prevention challenge grant program.

Satellite Home Viewers Improvement Act: Senate passed H.R. 1554, to amend the provisions of title 17, United States Code, and the Communications Act of 1934, relating to copyright licensing and carriage of broadcast signals by satellite, after striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof, the text of S. 247, Senate companion measure, and after agreeing to the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Hatch (for McCain) Amendment No. 372, to enhance the ability of direct broadcast satellite and other multichannel video providers to compete effectively with cable television systems.

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Hatch/Leahy Amendment No. 373 (to Amendment No. 372), to strike certain provisions amending title 17, United States Code.

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Hatch/Leahy Amendment No. 374, to make certain technical and conforming amendments.

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Hatch/Leahy Amendment No. 375, to modify the definition of unserved household, provide for a moratorium on copyright liability.

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Subsequently, S. 247 was placed back on the Senate calendar.

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Legal Representation Authorization: Senate agreed to S. Res. 104, to authorize testimony, production of documents, and legal representation in *United States v. Nippon Miniature Bearing, Inc.*, et al.

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Emergency Supplemental Appropriations—Conference Report: By 64 yeas to 36 nays (Vote No. 136), Senate agreed to the conference report on H.R. 1141, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999.

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During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

A point of order was made that certain provisions of the conference report were in violation of Section 206 of H. Con. Res. 68, Congressional Budget Resolution and, by 70 yeas to 30 nays (Vote No. 135), three fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to a motion to waive the aforementioned section with respect to the consideration of the conference report.

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Treaty Approved: The following treaty having passed through its various parliamentary stages, up

to and including the presentation of the resolution of ratification, upon division, two-thirds of the Senators present and having voted in the affirmative, the resolution of ratification was agreed to:

Amended Mines Protocol, with one reservation, nine understandings, and thirteen conditions. (Treaty Doc. 105–1A);

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Department of Defense Authorization—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for the consideration of S. 1059, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2000 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, on Monday, May 24, 1999.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

Gary L. Visscher, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Robert Clarke Brown, of Ohio, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority for a term expiring November 22, 2005. (Reappointment)

James B. Lewis, of New Mexico, to be Director of the Office of Minority Economic Impact, Department of Energy.

Lewis Andrew Sachs, of Connecticut, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

1 Department of Defense nomination in the rank of general and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

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Authority for Committees:

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Additional Statements:

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Record Votes: Eight record votes were taken today. (Total—140)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 8:39 p.m., until 11 a.m., on Monday,

May 24, 1999. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5785.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS—FOREIGN ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Foreign Operations concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for foreign assistance programs, after receiving testimony from Madeleine K. Albright, Secretary of State.

CHILDREN'S INTERNET PROTECTION ACT

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded hearings on S. 97, to require the installation and use by schools and libraries of a technology for filtering or blocking material on the Internet on computers with Internet access to be eligible to receive or retain universal service assistance, after receiving testimony from Mark James, Deputy Director, Intelligence Division, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms, Department of the Treasury; Howard P. Berkowitz, Anti-Defamation League, Washington, D.C.; Peter H. Nickerson, N2H2, Seattle, Washington; and Mark Potok, Southern Poverty Law Center, Montgomery, Alabama.

COMMERCIAL SPACE LAUNCH INDUSTRY

Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation: Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space concluded hearings on issues relating to the commercial space launch industry, after receiving testimony from Maj. Gen. Robert C. Hinson, Commander, 14th Air Force/Component Commander, United States Air Force Space Command; Keith Calhoun-Senghor, Director, Office of Space Commercialization, Technology Administration, Department of Commerce; Lori Garver, Associate Administrator for Policy and Plans, National Aeronautics and Space Administration; Patricia Grace Smith, Associate Administrator for Commercial Space Transportation, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation; D. Andrew Beal, Beal Aerospace Technologies, Inc., Frisco, Texas; Hoyt Davidson, Donaldson, Lufkin, and Jenrette Securities Corporation, New York, New York; John W. Douglass, Aerospace Industries Association of America, Inc., Washington, D.C.; Gale Schluter, Boeing Company, Arlington, Virginia; Peter B. Teets, Lockheed Martin Corporation, Bethesda, Maryland; and Stephen G. Wurst, Space Access, Palmdale, California.

ALLEGED CHINESE ESPIONAGE

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee held open and closed hearings to examine damage to the national security from alleged Chinese espionage at the Department of Energy nuclear weapons laboratories, receiving testimony from Notra Trulock, III, Acting Deputy Director, Office of Intelligence, and Edward Curran, Director, Office of Counterintelligence, both of the Department of Energy; Neil Gallagher, Assistant Director, National Security Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation, and James Baker, Deputy Counsel for Intelligence Operations, Office of Intelligence Policy and Review, both of the Department of Justice.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

NATIONAL OILHEAT RESEARCH ALLIANCE ACT

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy Research, Development, Production and Regulation concluded hearings on S. 348, to authorize and facilitate a program to enhance training, research and development, energy conservation and efficiency, and consumer education in the oilheat industry for the benefit of oilheat consumers and the public, after receiving testimony from Donald Allen, E.T. Lawson, Hampton, Virginia, on behalf of the National Oilheat Research Alliance; and John Huber, Petroleum Marketers Association of America, Arlington, Virginia.

GASOLINE SULFUR STANDARDS

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Clean Air, Wetlands, Private Property, and Nuclear Safety concluded hearings on the Environmental Protection Agency's proposed sulfur standard for gasoline as contained in the proposed Tier Two standards for automobiles, after receiving testimony from Carol M. Browner, Administrator, and Robert Perciasepe, Assistant Administrator for Air and Radiation, both of the Environmental Protection Agency.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 746, to provide for analysis of major rules, to promote the public's right to know the costs and benefits of major rules, and to increase the accountability of quality of Government, with an amendment;

S. 468, to improve the effectiveness and performance of Federal financial assistance programs, simplify Federal financial assistance application and reporting requirements, and improve the delivery of services to the public, with amendments;

S. 712, to amend title 39, United States Code, to allow postal patrons to contribute to funding for highway-rail grade crossing safety through the voluntary purchase of certain specially issued United States postage stamps;

H.R. 858, to amend title 11, District of Columbia Code, to extend coverage under the whistleblower protection provisions of the District of Columbia Comprehensive Merit Personnel Act of 1978 to personnel of the courts of the District of Columbia, with an amendment;

S. 1072, to make certain technical and other corrections relating to the Centennial of Flight Commemoration Act (36 U.S.C. 143 note; 112 Stat. 3486 et seq.);

S. 335, to amend chapter 30 of title 39, United States Code, to provide for the nonmailability of certain deceptive matter relating to games of chance, administrative procedures, orders, and civil penalties relating to such matter, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nominations of Stephen H. Glickman and Eric T. Washington, each to be an Associate Judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals, Hiram E. Puig Lugo, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, and John T. Spotila, of New Jersey, to be Administrator of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget.

ESPIONAGE INVESTIGATION

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded closed oversight hearings on the national security methods and processes relating to the Wen-Ho Lee espionage investigation, after receiving testimony from certain protected witnesses.

AUTHORIZATION—ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee resumed hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for programs of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, receiving testimony from Senators Cochran and Shelby; Cassandra D. Washington, Mississippi Educational Network, Jackson; Robert T. Coonrod, Corporation for Public Broadcasting, Ralph Nadar, Commercial Alert, and Father Peter Weigand, St. Anselm's Abbey School, all of Washington, D.C.; Linda Wood, South King-

ston High School, Wakefield, Rhode Island; Arthur White, Stamford, Connecticut, and Nedra Whitted, Chicago, Illinois, both on behalf of Reading Is Fundamental, Inc.; Diane Berreth, Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, Alexandria, Virginia; Phyllis Schlafly, Eagle Forum, St. Louis, Missouri; and Paul Folkemer, Channel One Network, New York, New York.

VETERANS PROGRAMS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on S. 555, to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to continue payment of monthly educational assistance benefits to veterans enrolled at educational institutions during periods between terms if the interval between such periods does not exceed eight weeks, S. 695, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a national cemetery for veterans in the Atlanta, Georgia, metropolitan area, S. 940, to provide a temporary authority for the use of voluntary separation incentives by the Department of Veterans Affairs to reduce employment levels, restructure staff, and S. 1076, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide a cost-of-living adjustment in rates of compensation paid to veterans with service-connected disabilities, to enhance programs providing health care, education, and other benefits for veterans, to authorize major medical facility projects, to reform eligibility for burial in Arlington National Cemetery, after receiving testimony from Senator Conrad; Togo D. West, Jr., Secretary, Kenneth W. Kizer, Under Secretary of Health, Veterans Health Administration, Nora Egan, Deputy Under Secretary for Management, Veterans Benefits Administration, and Roger R. Rapp, Acting Under Secretary for Memorial Affairs, National Cemetery Administration, all of the Department of Veterans Affairs; Patrick T. Henry, Assistant Secretary for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, and John C. Metzler, Superintendent, Arlington National Cemetery, both of the Department of the Army; Jacqueline Garrick, American Legion, Dennis M. Cullinan, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Joseph A. Violante, Disabled American Veterans, Harley Thomas, Paralyzed Veterans of America, and Rick Weidman, Vietnam Veterans of America, all of Washington, D.C.; and Peter S. Gaytan, AMVETS, Lanham, Maryland.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 24 public bills, H.R. 1880–1903; 1 private bill, H.R. 1904; and 3 resolutions, H.J. Res. 55, H. Con. Res. 110, and H. Res. 184, were introduced.

Pages H3459–60, H3462

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 905, to provide funding for the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children and to reauthorize the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act (H. Rept. 106–152);

H.R. 1378, to authorize appropriations for carrying out pipeline safety activities under chapter 601 of title 49, United States Code, amended (H. Rept. 106–153, Pt. 1);

H.R. 17, to amend the Agricultural Trade Act of 1978 to require the President to report to Congress on any selective embargo on agricultural commodities, to provide a termination date for the embargo, to provide greater assurances for contract sanctity, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 105–154, Pt. 1); and

H.R. 45 to amend the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982, amended (H. Rept. 106–155, Pt. 1).

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Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Quinn to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. Father James Nock of Hartford, Connecticut.

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American Land Sovereignty Protection Act: The House passed H.R. 883, to preserve the sovereignty of the United States over public lands and acquired lands owned by the United States, and to preserve State sovereignty and private property rights in non-Federal lands surrounding those public lands and acquired lands.

Pages H3402–25

Agreed to:

The Young of Alaska amendment that extends the deadline for Congress to authorize Biosphere Reserves to 2003;

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The Vento amendment that prohibits Federal officials from entering into any international agreement concerning the disposal, management, and use of any U.S. lands unless authorized by law (agreed to by a recorded vote of 262 ayes to 158 noes, Roll No. 141);

Pages H3416–17, H3423–24

The Young of Alaska amendment, to the Sweeney amendment, that specifies that the designation of a Biosphere Reserve shall not adversely affect State and local revenue; and

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The Sweeney amendment, as amended, that requires the management plan to ensure that the designation of a Biosphere Reserve shall not adversely affect State or local government revenue, including revenue for public education programs (agreed to by a recorded vote of 407 ayes to 15 noes, Roll No. 143).

Pages H3419–20, H3424–25

Rejected the Udall amendment that sought to exempt Biosphere Reserves in Colorado from the provisions of the bill (rejected vote of 191 ayes to 231 noes, Roll No. 142).

Pages H3417–19, H3424

H. Res. 180, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to by a yeas and nays vote of 240 ayes to 178 nays, Roll No. 140.

Pages H3398–H3401

Earlier, agreed to the Hastings of Washington amendment to the rule that strikes “833” on page 2 and inserts “883” in lieu thereof.

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National Missile Defense Deployment: By a yeas and nays vote of 345 yeas to 71 nays, Roll No. 144, the House agreed to the Senate amendment to H.R. 4, to declare it to be the policy of the United States to deploy a national missile defense—clearing the measures for the President.

Pages H3430–37

H. Res. 179, the rule which provided for the motion to concur in the Senate amendment to the bill was agreed to earlier by voice vote.

Pages H3426–30

Late Reports: Committee on Appropriations received permission to have until midnight on May 21 to file two privileged reports on bills making appropriations for (1) Agriculture, Rural Development, FDA, and related Agencies and (2) Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000.

Pages H3437–38

Legislative Program: The Majority Leader announced the Legislative Program for the week of May 24.

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Meeting Hour—Monday, May 24: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourns to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, May 24 for morning-hour debates.

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Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, May 26.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yeas and nays votes and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H3401, H3423–24, H3424, H3424–25, and H3437. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

Committee Meetings

COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Risk Management, Research and Specialty Crops continued hearings on Commodity Futures Trading Commission Reauthorization. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Hearings continue June 8.

LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Ordered reported the Legislative appropriations for fiscal year 2000.

KEY INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL ISSUES

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Held a hearing on key international financial issues. Testimony was heard from Robert E. Rubin, Secretary of the Treasury; Alan Greenspan, Chairman, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System; and public witnesses.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

BUDGET PROCESS

Committee on the Budget: Held a hearing on the Budget Process. Testimony was heard from Representatives Nussle, Cardin and Minge; Jacob J. Lew, Director, OMB; Dan Crippen, Director, CBO; Rudolph G. Penner, former Director, CBO; and public witnesses.

ELECTRICITY COMPETITION

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power continued hearings on Electricity Competition, focusing on PURPA, Stranded Costs, and the Environment. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Hearings continue May 26.

AMERICA—THREAT OF BIOTERRORISM

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on the Threat of Bioterrorism in America: Assessing the Adequacy of Federal Law Relating to Dangerous Biological Agents. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Justice: Jim Reynolds, Chief, Terrorism and Violent Crime Section, Criminal Division; and Robert M. Burnham, Chief, Domestic Terrorism Section, National Security Division, FBI; the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: William Raub, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Policy; and Stephen M. Ostroff, M.D., Associate Director, Epidemiologic Science, National Center for Infectious Diseases, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; and public witnesses.

FCC COMMISSION REFORM

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection held a hearing on Federal Communications Commission Reform: The States' Perspective. Testimony was heard from Irma Muse Dixon, Commissioner, District 3, Public Service Commission, State of Louisiana; William R. Gillis, Commissioner, Utilities and Transportation Commission, State of Washington; David W. Rolka, Commissioner, Public Utility Commission, State of Pennsylvania; Bob Rowe, Commissioner, Public Service Commission, State of Montana; and a public witness.

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Held a hearing on Academic Achievement for All: Increasing Flexibility and Improving Student Performance and Accountability. Testimony was heard from Representative Tanner; Bret Schundler, Mayor, Jersey City, New Jersey; William Moloney, Commissioner of Education, Department of Education, State of Colorado; and public witnesses.

SCHOOL VIOLENCE

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy, and Human Resources held a hearing on School Violence: What is Being Done to Combat School Violence? What Should be Done? Testimony was heard from Nelba Chavez, Administrator, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; William Modzeleski, Director, Safe and Drug-Free Schools Program, Department of Education; Charlie Condon, Attorney General, State of South Carolina; and public witnesses.

NATIONAL YOUTH CRIME PREVENTION DEMONSTRATION ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Began markup of H.R. 102, National Youth Crime Prevention Demonstration Act.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts, and Intellectual Property approved for full Committee action the following: H.R. 354, amended, Collections of Information Antipiracy Act; the American Inventors Protection Act; H.R. 1565, amended, Trademark Amendments Act of 1999; H.R. 1852, Multidistrict Trial Jurisdiction Act of 1999; H.R. 1761, amended, Copyright Damages Improvement Act of 1999; and H.R. 1225, United States Patent and Trademark Office Reauthorization Act, Fiscal Year 2000.

OVERSIGHT—STELLER SEA LIONS

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans held an oversight hearing on Steller Sea Lions. Testimony was heard from Andrew Rosenberg, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, NOAA, Department of Commerce; Frank V. Kelty, Mayor, Unalaska, State of Alaska; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—COUNTY SCHOOLS 25% FUNDING STABILIZATION

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health held an oversight hearing on County Schools 25% Fund Stabilization. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—CALIFORNIA CENTRAL VALLEY WATER MANAGEMENT

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power held an oversight hearing on California Central Valley Water Management. Testimony was heard from Bruce Babbitt, Secretary of the Interior; Mary Nichols, Secretary of Resources, State of California; and public witnesses.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY SECURITY

Committee on Science: Held a hearing on Security at the Department of Energy: Who's Protecting the Nation's Secrets. Testimony was heard from Bill Richardson, Secretary of Energy.

EASING TRAFFIC CONGESTION AND IMPROVING VEHICLE SAFETY

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Technology, hearing on Easing Traffic Congestion and Improving Vehicle Safety: ITS and Transportation Technology Solutions for the 21st Century. Testimony was heard from Kenneth Wykle, Administrator, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation; and public witnesses.

VETERANS' MEASURES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Subcommittee on Benefits held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1071, Montgomery GI Bill Improvements Act of 1999; and H.R. 1182, Servicemembers Educational Opportunity Act of 1999. Testimony was heard from Nora Egan, Deputy Under Secretary, Management, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; representatives of veterans organizations; and public witnesses.

NATIONAL CEMETERIES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on National Cemeteries, including Arlington National Cemetery.

Testimony was heard from Representative Chenoweth; Roger R. Rapp, Acting Under Secretary, National Cemetery Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; Brian E. Burke, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Army (Civil Works), Department of the Army; Ray Boland, Secretary, Department of Veterans Affairs, State of Wisconsin; Charles F. Smith, Assistant Secretary, Division of Veterans Affairs, State of North Carolina; Lt. Col. Robin L. Higgins, USMC (Ret.), Executive Director, Department of Veterans Affairs, State of Florida; and representatives of veterans organizations.

TRADE AGENCY AUTHORIZATIONS, DRUG FREE BORDERS AND PREVENTION OF ON-LINE PORNOGRAPHY ACT

Committee on Ways and Means: Ordered reported amended H.R. 1833, Trade Agency Authorizations, Drug Free Borders and Prevention of On-Line Pornography Act of 1999.

FOSTER CARE INDEPENDENCE ACT

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Human Resources approved for full Committee action amended H.R. 1802, Foster Care Independence Act of 1999.

CUSTOMS SERVICE PASSENGER INSPECTION OPERATIONS

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing on U.S. Customs Service passenger inspection operations. Testimony was heard from Raymond W. Kelly, Commissioner, U.S. Customs Service, Department of the Treasury; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings**GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE**

Joint Hearing: Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources' Subcommittee on Energy Research, Development, Production and Regulation concluded joint oversight hearings with the House Committee on Government Reform's Subcommittee on National Economic Growth, Natural Resources and Regulatory Affairs on the Administration's fiscal year 2000 budget request for climate change programs and compliance with various statutory provisions in fiscal year 1999 appropriations acts requiring detailed accounting of climate change spending and performance measures for each requested increase in funding, after receiving testimony from Representative Knollenberg; Deidre A. Lee, Acting Deputy Director for Management, Office of Management and Budget; Peter F. Guerrero, Director, Environmental Protection Issues, Resources, Community, and Economic Development Division, General Accounting

Office; T.J. Glauthier, Deputy Secretary of Energy; David M. Gardiner, Assistant Administrator for Policy, Environmental Protection Agency; Jerry Taylor, Cato Institute, and David M. Nemtzw, Alliance to Save Energy, both of Washington, D.C.; and William H. Lash, III, George Mason University, Arlington, Virginia.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, MAY 21, 1999

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Banking and Financial Services, to continue hearings on key international financial issues, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of May 24 through May 29, 1999

Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, Senate will begin consideration of S. 1059, Department of Defense Authorization.

During the balance of the week, Senate expects to continue consideration of S. 1059, Department of Defense Authorization, and any other cleared legislative and executive business.

(On *Tuesday*, Senate will recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m., for their respective party conferences.)

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Special Committee on Aging: May 24, to hold hearings to examine Health Care Financing Administration assessment's of home health care access, 1 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: May 26, to hold hearings to examine the live stock industry, including mandatory pricing and country of origin labeling, 9 a.m., SH-216.

May 27, Full Committee, to hold hearings on S. 935, to amend the National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977 to authorize research to promote the conversion of biomass into biobased industrial products, 9 a.m., SR-328A.

Committee on Appropriations: May 24, Subcommittee on Defense, business meeting to mark up proposed legislation making appropriations for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of Defense, 1:30 p.m., SD-192.

May 25, Full Committee, to hold hearings on proposed legislation making appropriations for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of Defense, 2:30 p.m., SH-216.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: May 25, to hold hearings on S. 798, to promote electronic commerce by encouraging and facilitating the use of

encryption in interstate commerce consistent with the protection of national security, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

May 25, Subcommittee on Aviation, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for research and development programs for the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, 2:15 p.m., SR-253.

May 26, Full Committee, to hold oversight hearings on activities of the Federal Communications Commission, 2 p.m., SR-253.

May 27, Full Committee, to hold hearings on S. 761, to regulate interstate commerce by electronic means by permitting and encouraging the continued expansion of electronic commerce through the operation of free market forces, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: May 25, to hold oversight hearings on state progress in retail electricity competition, 10 a.m., SD-366.

May 25, Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation, to hold hearings on S. 140, to establish the Thomas Cole National Historic Site in the State of New York as an affiliated area of the National Park System; S. 734, entitled the "National Discovery Trails Act of 1999"; S. 762, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a feasibility study on the inclusion of the Miami Circle in Biscayne National Park; S. 938, to eliminate restrictions on the acquisition of certain land contiguous to Hawaii Volcanoes National Park; S. 939, to correct spelling errors in the statutory designations of Hawaiian National Parks; S. 946, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to transfer administrative jurisdiction over land within the boundaries of the Home of Franklin D. Roosevelt National Historic Site to the Archivist of the United States for the construction of a visitor center; and S. 955, to allow the National Park Service to acquire certain land for addition to the Wilderness Battlefield in Virginia, as previously authorized by law, by purchase or exchange as well as by donation, 2:15 p.m., SD-366.

May 26, Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management, to hold hearings on S. 510, to preserve the sovereignty of the United States over public lands and acquired lands owned by the United States, and to preserve State sovereignty and private property rights in non-Federal lands surrounding those public lands and acquired lands, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

May 27, Full Committee, to hold hearings on the nomination of David L. Goldwyn, of the District of Columbia to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (International Affairs), 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

May 27, Subcommittee on Water and Power, to hold hearings on S. 623, to amend Public Law 89-108 to increase authorization levels for State and Indian tribal, municipal, rural, and industrial water supplies, to meet current and future water quantity and quality needs of the Red River Valley, to deauthorize certain project features and irrigation service areas, to enhance natural resources and fish and wildlife habitat; S. 244, to authorize the construction of the Lewis and Clark Rural Water System and to authorize assistance to the Lewis and Clark Rural

Water System, Inc., a nonprofit corporation, for the planning and construction of the water supply system; S. 769, to provide a final settlement on certain debt owed by the city of Dickinson, North Dakota, for the construction of the bascule gates on the Dickinson Dam; and S. 1027, to reauthorize the participation of the Bureau of Reclamation in the Deschutes Resources Conservancy, 2 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: May 25, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for programs of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Liability, and Compensation Act of 1980 (Superfund), 10 a.m., SD-406.

May 26, Full Committee, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for programs of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Liability, and Compensation Act of 1980 (Superfund), 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: May 25, to resume oversight hearings on the enforcement activities of the United States Customs Service, focusing on commercial operations, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: May 25, Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs, to hold hearings on political and military developments in India, 10 a.m., SD-562.

May 25, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine issues relating to the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty, 2 p.m., SD-562.

May 26, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine a protocol to reconstitute the Anti-Ballistic Missile (ABM) Treaty with four new partners, 10 a.m., SD-562.

May 27, Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs, to hold hearings to examine the Chinese Embassy bombing and its effects on United States-China relations, 10 a.m., SD-562.

May 27, Full Committee, to hold hearings on the nomination of David B. Sandalow, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary of State for Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs, 2 p.m., SD-562.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: May 25, business meeting to consider the Health Information Confidentiality Act; S. Con. Res. 28, urging the Congress and the President to increase funding for the Pell Grant Program and existing Campus-Based Aid Programs; the nomination of James Roger Angel, of Arizona, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation; and the nomination of Zalmay Khalilzad, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the United States Institute of Peace, 9:30 a.m., SD-628.

May 26, Subcommittee on Employment, Safety and Training, to hold hearings to examine mine safety and health issues, 9:30 a.m., SD-628.

May 27, Full Committee, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for the National Endowment for the Arts, 10 a.m., SD-628.

May 27, Subcommittee on Aging, to resume hearings on issues relating to the Older Americans Act, 2:30 p.m., SD-628.

Committee on Indian Affairs: May 26, to hold oversight hearings on Native American Youth Activities and Initiatives, 9:30 a.m., SR-485.

Select Committee on Intelligence: May 26, to hold closed hearings on pending intelligence matters, 2 p.m., SH-219.

Committee on the Judiciary: May 24, Subcommittee on Criminal Justice Oversight, to hold oversight hearings on the Federal Bureau of Prisons, 3 p.m., SD-226.

May 25, Full Committee, to hold hearings to review the Library of Congress' Copyright Office report on distance education in the digital environment, 10 a.m., SD-226.

May 26, Subcommittee on Immigration, to hold hearings to examine immigrant contributions to the United States Armed Forces, 10 a.m., SD-226.

May 26, Subcommittee on Constitution, Federalism, and Property Rights, business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 2 p.m., SD-226.

Committee on Small Business: May 25, to hold hearings relating to education and business success, 10 a.m., SR-428A.

Special Committee on the Year 2000 Technology Problem: May 25, to hold hearings to explore individual and community Y2K preparedness, and the media's role in providing Y2K information, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

House Chamber

Monday, Consideration of suspensions. No votes are expected before 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, Consideration of the following measures subject to rules being granted:

H.R. 1259, Social Security and Medicare Safe Deposit Box Act of 1999;

H.R. 1833, United States Trade Representative and Customs Service Reauthorization Act;

H.R. 150, Education Land Grant Act;

Agriculture Appropriations Act;

Legislative Branch Appropriations Act; and

H.R. 1401, Defense Authorization Act.

Friday, The House is not in session.

Any Further Program Will Be Announced Later.

House Committees

Committee on Agriculture, May 26, Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities, Resource Conservation, and Credit, hearing to review the effects of electric deregulation on rural areas and an examination of legislative proposals, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Banking and Financial Services, May 26, hearing and markup of the following bills: H.R. 629, Community Development Financial Institutions Fund Amendments Act of 1999; and H.R. 413, Program for Investment in Microentrepreneurs Act of 1999, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, May 25, Task Force on Social Security, hearing on International Social Security Reform, 12 p.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Commerce, May 25, Subcommittee on Health and Environment and the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, joint hearing on Y2K and Medical Devices: Screening for the Y2K Bug, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

May 25, Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Practices, hearing on H.R. 850, Security and Freedom through Encryption (SAFF) Act, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

May 26, Subcommittee on Energy and Power, to continue hearings on Electricity Competition, focusing on State Restructuring Efforts and Consumer Protection Issues, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

May 26, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations hearing on a Review of the Department of Energy's Deployment of DOE-Funded Environmental Cleanup Technologies, 9:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

May 27, Subcommittee on Health and Environment, hearing on Medical Records Confidentiality in the Modern Delivery of Health Care, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, May 25, Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Youth, and Families, hearing on Education Reform: Putting the Needs of Our Children First, 1:30 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

May 27, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing to Review and Oversight of the 1998 Reading Results of the National Assessment of Education Programs (NAEP)—The Nation's Report Card, 9:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, May 24, Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology, hearing on the Salary of the President of the United States, 1:30 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

May 26, Subcommittee on National Security, Veterans' Affairs and International Relations, hearing on Combating Terrorism: Proposed Transfer of the Domestic Preparedness Program to the Department of Justice, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

May 27, full Committee, hearing on "How Accurate is the FDA's Monitoring of Supplements Like Ephedra?" 1 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, May 25, Subcommittee on Africa, hearing on the Ethiopia-Eritrea War: U.S. Policy Options, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

May 26, Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, hearing on Malaysia: Assessing the Mahathir Agenda, 1:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

May 27, Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights and the Subcommittee on Africa, joint hearing on the Crisis Against Humanity in Sudan, 1:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, May 25, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, oversight hearing on Novel Procedures in FCC License Transfer Proceedings, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

May 25, Subcommittee on the Constitution, to mark up H.R. 1691, Religious Liberty Protection Act of 1999, 10 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

May 27, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, hearing on H.R. 915, to authorize a cost of

living adjustment in the pay of administrative law judges, 10 a.m., 2226 Rayburn.

May 27, Subcommittee on the Constitution, hearing on H.R. 1218, Child Custody Protection Act, 9 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

May 27, Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property, oversight hearing on Electronic Communication Privacy Policy Disclosure, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

May 27, Subcommittee on Crime, hearing on pending Firearms legislation and the Administration's Enforcement of Current Gun Law, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

May 27, Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims, oversight hearing on the Immigration and Naturalization Service's Interior Enforcement Strategy, 2 p.m., 2226 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, May 25, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing on H.R. 1753 (and S. 330), Methane Hydrate Research and Development Act of 1999, bill, S. 330, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

May 25, Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health, oversight hearing on the Role of the National Forests in the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial, 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

May 25, Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands, oversight hearing on New NPS Methodology used to evaluate the achievement of natural quiet restoration standards in Grand Canyon National Park, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

May 26, full committee, oversight hearing on Use of Land and Money Mitigation Requirement in ESA Enforcement, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

May 27, Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans and the Subcommittee on Water and Power, joint hearing on H. Con. Res. 63, expressing the sense of the Congress opposing removal of dams on the Columbia and Snake Rivers for fishery restoration purposes, 10:30 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, May 24, to consider the following: H.R. 1259, Social Security and Medicare Safe Deposit Box Act of 1999; and a measure making appropriations for the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, 5 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, May 25, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 1655, Department of Energy Research, Development, and Demonstration Authorization Act of 1999; H.R. 1656, Department of Energy Commercial Application of Energy Technology Authorization Act of 1999; H.R. 1742, Environmental Protection Agency Office of Research and Development and Science Advisory Board Authorization Act of 1999; H.R. 1743, Environmental Protection Agency Office of Air and Radiation Authorization Act of 1999; and H.R. 1744, National Institute of Standards and Technology Authorization Act of 1999, 9:30 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

May 26, Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, hearing on EPA's High Production Volume (HPV) Chemical Testing Program, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, May 25, Subcommittee on Empowerment, hearing on "Welfare To Work: What Is Working, What Is Next?" 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

May 26, full Committee, hearing on "Electronic Commerce: The Benefits and Pitfalls of Conducting Business Over the Internet", 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

May 27, Subcommittee on Government Programs and Oversight, hearing on the Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) Program, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, May 26, Subcommittee on Ground Transportation, oversight hearing on the Office of Motor Carriers and of Bus Safety, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

May 26, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, hearing on the Administration's Harbor Services Fee Proposal, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, May 25, Subcommittee on Oversight, hearing on the impact of complexity in the tax code for individual taxpayers and small businesses, 2 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

May 27, Subcommittee on Human Resources, hearing on the Effects of Welfare Reform, 10:30 a.m., B-318 Rayburn.

May 27, Subcommittee on Trade, hearing on the use and effect of unilateral trade sanctions, 11 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

11 a.m., Monday, May 24

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12:30 p.m., Monday, May 24

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: After the recognition of certain Senators for speeches and the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 1 p.m.), Senate will begin consideration of S. 1059, Department of Defense Authorization.

House Chamber

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